



MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services

DATE: February 13, 2014

RE: **The Regional Municipality of York Ranks First among Large Urban Municipalities in Waste Diversion Ontario 2012 Report**

Waste Diversion Ontario has confirmed York Region's diversion rate for 2012 is 57.25 per cent, not including waste diverted through energy recovery, up almost 3 per cent from 54.26 per cent achieved in 2011. This places York Region first amongst large urban municipalities. The large urban municipal rankings are summarized in Table 1.

York Region, in partnership with our nine local municipalities, continues to implement innovative solutions and continuous improvement in delivery of waste management services to meet the needs of our growing population, currently over 1.1 million residents. Together, we have developed the SM4RT Living Integrated Waste Management Master Plan to direct planning and delivery of waste management within York Region over the next 25 to 40 years. The SM4RT Living Plan will allow the Region's communities to maintain their position as waste management leaders and continue moving toward more sustainable waste management by focusing on waste prevention and reuse, while maximizing diversion through recycling, composting and energy recovery opportunities.

Table 1
Waste Diversion Ontario 2012 Large Urban Municipal Diversion Rankings

Rank	Municipality	Diversion Rate
1	The Regional Municipality of York	57.25%
2	Regional Municipality of Halton	52.37%
3	City of Toronto	51.40%
4	Regional Municipality of Peel	48.36%
5	City of Hamilton	47.09%
6	City of London	44.10%

York Region's 2012 diversion rate of 57.25 per cent, not including waste diverted through energy recovery, is the eighth highest diversion rate overall in the province. York Region is the highest ranking large urban municipality followed by Halton Region, whose overall ranking in the province was 17th.

York Region has an extensive energy from waste recovery program, which accounted for 80,212 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill in 2012; however these numbers are not credited by Waste Diversion Ontario. When calculating diversion from landfill including energy from waste, York Region achieved 82 per cent diversion.

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